



Frederick, Rouleau and Kitty, Arrested for Murder.

upranging down the steps, clung to the arm of Rouleau. A flush came to Count Frederick's face as he saw how she avoided himself. There was, however, no time for further speech. The sound of rapid footsteps came down the hall. The captain of gendarmes and his men were at the door.

"Messieurs, welcome!" said Count Frederick. "But why are you here?" "Monsieur le comte, we ask pardon for the intrusion, but we must ask you to join us," replied the officer. He was impressed by the calm dignity of Count Frederick, as had been more than one man before his time.

"For what reason do you desire our company, monsieur capitaine? Is there any charge against us?"

"There is a charge of great severity to be laid against someone, monsieur le comte. We ask your aid to determine who that one may be. This young woman, who is she?"

"I am Miss Kitty Gray of America," answered the object of his suspicion. "This is my servant, Rouleau. Who are you?"

"We are of the imperial police, mademoiselle. A murder has been done in your room at the Ritz hotel. Naturally someone is under suspicion. Let me caution both you and Count Frederick not to speak. What you say may be used as evidence."

Count Frederick turned suddenly toward Kitty, a warning in his eyes. She stood, therefore, silent, looking at the man.

"Mademoiselle is in no case responsible for any of this," said he to the officer. "We will all go with you and conclude this matter as quickly as possible. We must be released at once from detention."

The officer turned, beckoning to them to follow him.

The little group passed along the walk to the open curb of the street. It was Rouleau who hesitated here, addressing the captain of gendarmes.

"Monsieur capitaine," said he, "I see that you guard all the escapes possible to any guilty man. You will therefore allow me to step to the corner to summon a carriage for these two excellencies?"

The captain of gendarmes hesitated for a half-instant, frowned, and then nodded.

"Naturally, you only do your duty, monsieur capitaine," suggested Rouleau. "but excellencies like these must not walk exposed, then?"

Those who lingered for an instant saw Rouleau walk leisurely toward the corner, raise his hand as though in a signal, and then break into a run.

"Wait," exclaimed Count Frederick, as he saw the plan of the quick-witted servant. "If you leave us we also might run away. We will pick him up, no doubt. Do you tarry here with us?"

In fact the captain of gendarmes, seeing his own party reduced by divisions to no more than a couple of men beside himself, hesitated, and turned to secure the safety of his more important captives. While they paused they heard the quick wheels of a taxicab which drew up before them. After all, it was an open question what had been Rouleau's intent, for certainly he had ordered this vehicle to come hither. Making the best of the matter, the captain of gendarmes motioned for his prisoners to enter the car.

Kitty turned to the silent man who sat at her side. Count Frederick laid a finger to his lips, counseling silence, and gazed straight ahead.

Thus, silent and aloof, they arrived as prisoners at the grand entrance of the Hotel Ritz.

Kitty found herself face to face with a large man in full uniform, a man with a heavy beard and merciless eye, who now addressed himself to his subordinate:

"As to this man," he demanded, "why have you taken Count Frederick of Grethoffen?"

"Merely as ultimate suspicion," stammered the captain. "We found him in company with this young woman, in whose room the crime was committed. This other—" he pointed to Count Sachio, "also seems to have known this young woman."

"Who are you, then?" demanded the prefect of Count Sachio.

"I am Count Sachio of Grahaffen," replied the latter, none too happy at the situation in which he found himself.

"Might I suggest to monsieur le prefect that we hasten," interrupted Count Frederick gently enough.

The prefect had seen many women, not all of them innocent. He smiled grimly enough now as he noticed the beauty of the young girl, who stood pale and not wholly collected in all this turmoil. The girl now turned to him, and for the first time spoke.

"Monsieur le prefect," said she, "you cannot make guilt out of innocence. I can prove to you by this clerk and all these others that I was absent from the hotel for several days. When I came back it was but for a short time. I was absent when this crime was discovered. How can you connect me with it? Rather connect with it those who have had access to my room during my absence."

The official turned toward her thoughtfully, then to the captain of gendarmes. "Have you searched all these persons?" he inquired. The latter shook his head.

"So you do not know what evidence has been destroyed. Come, then, perform that duty now, see what you find upon the persons of these individuals. The woman first."

Without hesitation Kitty presented her handbag, drew out from it her little portemonnaie, even turned inside out the pocket of her frock. Count Frederick watched her closely as she did so. He saw that none of the officers discovered the piece of coin. He suspected, although he did not know, that Kitty had palmed it under her thumb as she spread out her hands, asking them to certify themselves.

The gendarmes, their captain, the prefect of police, turned away nonplussed. The prefect hesitated as he faced the calm dignity of the nobleman.

"Your excellency," said he at length, "I dislike to ask of you the right of search. I comply only with formalities. If your excellency—"

"Certainly," said Count Frederick, and threw open his coat.

The prefect of police turned to his men. "We have not yet found all of those parties who may be concerned with this crime. We have not yet held our questions on the scene of the crime itself."

They turned, all of them, now, and approached the stairway which led to the floor upon which were located Kitty's apartments. Their numbers quite filled the hall as they advanced, preceded and followed by gendarmes. But suddenly, as they approached the spot they sought, the captain of gendarmes touched the arm of his superior and pointed ahead.

"That is the man who escaped," exclaimed he. "Rouleau, here he is, and coming from the room itself! But who is that with him?"

CHAPTER XXXVI.

The Body of the Crime.

It had been easy for Rouleau, once he was free of the immediate presence of the officers, to spring into the nearest alleyway and quickly pass from sight. While the officer, in charge of his more distinguished prisoners, was passing in the car toward the front entrance of the Hotel Ritz, Rouleau himself was speeding thither almost as quickly through devious passageways which led to the rear of the hotel.

Attaining entrance at the rear, he sped up the back stairs, and found himself once more at the apartments of Kitty Gray.

What he saw caused even his stout nerves to quail for the time. On the floor before him, with face half turned and arms outflung, lay the victim of the last adventure connected with the mysterious Grethoffen coin.

Rouleau did not know this man at first, but he seemed not of Grethoffen. Rather his garb betokened him to come from the kindred kingdom of Grahaffen.

Carefully, yet using that speed which he knew was imperative, Ro-

lean bent over, making such search as he could of the silent evidence of the crime. It seemed to him almost certain that he had seen this man somewhere, but he could not be sure. He stooped, hesitated, and then swiftly sprang aside and sought concealment behind the hangings of the room. He was sure that he had heard someone move in the rear room of the apartments.

He had no more than concealed himself before he had full evidence of the justice of his suspicion. He heard a rustling behind the curtain door, heard the slight shuffling of a step, and saw emerge from the concealing curtains a face which he knew well enough; he could not mistake that cunning, ratlike chin, the shifting eyes, the almost silent footfall which carried him forward. Yes, Rouleau knew him, knew him well enough. He had met him not so long before in combat at the lodge of Count Sachio, had saved the life of her excellency from this very man. He had fought him again in his own den in the slums of Grethoffen here. Yes, it was Blake, the renegade king of the apaches.

He stooped over the body and knelt by its side, thrust a hand into the pockets of the coat, and at length drew out a folded paper, which he hurriedly crowded into his own pocket. Then he was about to arise, but at that instant he felt the terrible weight of the giant Rouleau upon his own back. A hand caught his arm back of his neck, strained it into a position of excruciating pain. An arm came around his neck, choking him. He was helpless.

"Get up," said Rouleau, at length, grimly. "I know you. So, you did this? Come along with me."

Now it was this strange apparition, of Rouleau marching his prisoner before him, which gave pause to the procession of the law as it advanced toward the scene of the crime. The prefect of the city, his officers, Count Frederick, Count Sachio, Kitty Gray, all these others, paused now.

"What is that?" demanded the prefect imperatively. "Who are you, and what do you do with this man?"

"He is the guilty man, excellency," said Rouleau stoutly. "I took him but just now in our apartments. He was bending over the dead man there when I saw him. I sprang upon him and took him, as you see. I know this man well enough. He is a robber and a chief of robbers; he is the leader of the apaches of this city."

"What you say may be true," said the prefect, as he cast a swift glance at the prisoner; "but we can jump at no conclusions. Retain him, retain them both."

"Do you know this man?" he demanded of the clerk.

But the latter shook his head. "I never saw him," said he. "But all these things rouse additional suspicion of this young woman. She is too mysterious; she has too many strange friends. I tell you, monsieur le prefect, she is the one who knows all about this! She knows the victim, whoever he may have been. Depend on that."

The prefect, had he made like question of Count Frederick or of Kitty herself, might have heard that they both had seen before now this latest addition to the list of captives. But that official, for the time, was engaged in larger matters.

"There is truth in what you say," he assented to the last remark of the



Count Frederick Detains Kitty While Rouleau Demands Her Release.

clerk. "Now all the avenues are closed and all the suspects are assembled, I take it. We will see what the room itself holds. We will enter."

"No, no," cried Kitty, in sudden terror at the thought of what she feared to see. "I cannot. I know nothing of this; I don't know who the man was I don't know who did this."

"What, mademoiselle? You fear to see what there may be to witness?" said the prefect. "As to you, monsieur le comte—"

"The law will take its course," said Count Frederick coldly. "You have before now seen fit to doubt me. Take matters into your own hands, monsieur le prefect, and let the law go on."

The prefect himself flung open the door and entered the mysterious room. The room, so far as any victim of a crime was concerned, was entirely empty. Everything was in order as before. There was no dead man there!

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

1st insertion August 6, 1915.
5th insertion Sept. 3, 1915.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Bryan
S. A. WHALE and H. L. COX, Plaintiffs,
vs.
CHARLES D. VAN TREES and JOSIE B. VANTREES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of sale issued out of the office of the Court Clerk of Bryan County, Oklahoma, on the 20th day of July, A. D. 1915, in an action wherein S. A. Whale and H. L. Cox were plaintiffs, and Charles D. Vantrees and Josie B. Vantrees were defendants, directed to me, the undersigned sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahoma, commanding me to levy upon, appraise, and sell the following described property, to-wit:

Lots 2 and 4, in Block 204, in the town of Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma, according to the official plat or survey of said city.

To satisfy a judgment and decree of foreclosure in favor of the said plaintiffs and against the said defendants, obtained and made in the District Court on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1915, for the sum of \$183.00, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from February 2nd, A. D. 1915, until paid, and the further sum of \$25.00 as attorney fees, and all costs of said action, and all costs to accrue, I will on the 7th day of September, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Durant, Bryan County, Oklahoma, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the said property above described, or so much thereof as will satisfy the said judgment, attorney fees, interest and costs.

Dated this 26th day of July, A. D. 1915.

JOHN A. PHILLIPS,
Sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahoma.
UTTERBACK & MACDONALD,
Attorneys.

First insertion Aug. 13.
Fourth insertion Sept. 3rd.

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE

State of Oklahoma, County of Bryan, ss.

This is to certify that the names and addresses of all parties interested as partners in the firm doing business under the name of the Parks Drug Store, at Bennington, Bryan County, Oklahoma, are as follows: Amie G. Parks, Bennington, Oklahoma.

Dated, August 7th, 1915.

AMIE G. PARKS.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the above County and State, Amie G. Parks, to me well known, and acknowledged to me that she signed the above certificate on this 7th day of August, 1915.

E. Murphy,
Notary Public.
My commission expires 8-26-15.

CALL FOR COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP WARRANTS

The following County and Township Warrants are now payable at the County Treasurer's office:

COUNTY
All supply warrants.
All contingent warrants.
All road and bridge warrants.
Court warrants up to and including No. 1088, 1914-15 series.
Poor and Inmate warrants up to and including No. 324, 1914-15 series.

TOWNSHIP
Township No. 3, all.
Township No. 5, all.
Township No. 9, all.
Township No. 11, all.

GEO. HARRISON,
County Treasurer.

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PUBLIC SALE OF OKLAHOMA STATE AND SCHOOL LANDS

Notice is hereby given that the State of Oklahoma will sell all at public auction at the times and places hereinafter set forth, approximately 213,630 acres of its State and School lands located in its Twelfth Sales District, together with all of the appraised improvements thereon as set forth in pamphlet advertising said lands for sale. All lands will be sold at the door of the County Court House in which County Court is held in the Counties wherein the land is situated.

Sales will be held as follows:
ALVA, (Woods County), approximately 12,063 acres, Aug. 30 and 31, 1915, inclusive.

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MANY FIRES ARE DUE TO RUBBISH

CLEANLINESS AND VIGILANCE ARE POTENT FACTORS IN FIRE PREVENTION

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION SURE

Carelessness in Leaving Oily Cloths About is Responsible for Many Fires—Spring Housecleaning a Fire Hazard.

One of the things the average man knows little about is the chemistry of fire. He hears occasionally of fires from spontaneous combustion, but his ideas of the process of spontaneous ignition are vague, and his knowledge of the substances or combinations of substances susceptible to such ignition is limited. It is difficult to acquire the knowledge outside of the chemical laboratory; for in the common run of experience unless fires from this cause are discovered at their inception they soon destroy all evidences of their origin. Such fires are commonly reported as "probably incendiary," or of "mysterious origin."

The chemistry of spontaneous ignition is simple. Decomposition is a slow combustion. The human body slowly burns to ashes in the grave. Oxygen uniting with carbon produces heat. If they unite rapidly enough, in sufficient quantities, the combustion is visible in flame. If they unite slowly, as in the decay of organic bodies, the heat escapes unnoticed. Rapid chemical action will start visible combustion as easily as the application of the torch. Vegetable oils spread over easily carbonized substances such as cotton rags or waste will ignite the latter very quickly. The cotton fiber furnishes a sort of tinder. Animal fats like tallow, butter and lard, especially if rancid, will ignite under conditions similar to the above, but they are not such great offenders as the vegetable oils—cotton seed, nut, castor bean, olive and especially linseed.

Shun Rubbish Heaps.

An oily rag or oily waste never should be thrown into a rubbish heap. Many fires start in closets from such rags after use in oiling floors or polishing furniture; and factory fires are occurring constantly from spontaneous ignition of turpentine and linseed oil on rags and waste. There are not many men who give the same thought to this danger in their homes that they give to it in their factories, where metal waste cans with self-closing covers are generally provided. At the time of spring renovation, however, it is well to keep an eye upon the domestic establishment with this hazard in mind, as servants are generally quite irresponsible. Products of petroleum such as kerosene, gasoline and naphtha, although they do not ignite spontaneously, have a hazard of their own, and rags soaked in them should be carefully looked after. A house rule should be made that all greasy or oily rags be burned without delay.

In the development of rapid transit along the lines of trolley cars and automobiles, the problem of flying dust has been immeasurably intensified and confronts all lovers of cleanliness. Ordinary broom sweeping simply stirs it up to settle again on floors and furniture. The vacuum cleaner has not yet developed to the point at which its constant use is commercially expedient. An endless procession of floor oils and sweeping compounds has therefore come upon the market, some of which are not hazardous, but others of which are already demonstrating their ability to burn the buildings in which they are used.

A School Man's Experiment.

Prof. John H. Bryan, principal of the ward schools of Marion, Ind., who evidently looks after the physical as well as the mental welfare of his pupils, stated at a recent meeting of school superintendents that twice recently he had found mops used by the janitor in oiling the floor, burned to ashes, it being evident that the building each time narrowly escaped being fired. To prove the nature of the trouble Professor Bryan saturated several mops with the oil and hung them where there were no inflammable surroundings. A mop saturated with oil at 5 p. m., was found to be very warm at 7 a. m., and in one instance Professor Bryan watched a mop until it burst into flames. It is possible that the fire which caused the frightful holocaust at the Collingwood school may have started in this way. At any rate Professor Bryan's experiment proves that the apprehension of many people regarding the hazard of these floor oils is well founded, and that care should be taken to make sure they are harmless before their use is introduced in buildings, especially such buildings as schoolhouses.—Daily Oklahoman.

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DR. TERRELL STRICKEN

Dr. J. C. Terrell, one of the oldest residents of the community, was suddenly stricken by an attack of heart failure Saturday afternoon, as he was going into Harry Neely's house from the automobile. At this time he is much improved and is able to be about.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

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M. K. & T., Northbound.
No. 10, 12:57 A. M.
No. 8, 7:40 A. M.
No. 6, 12:42 A. M.
No. 2, 6:05 P. M.

Southbound.
No. 9, 5:17 A. M.
No. 1, 12:05 M.
No. 5, 3:10 P. M.
No. 3, 2:16 A. M.

St. L. & S. F.—Westbound.
No. 675, 9:06 A. M.
No. 505, 6:20 P. M.

Eastbound.
No. 506, 10:56 A. M.
No. 576, 7:40 P. M.

M. O. & G. Ry.
Northbound.
No. 16, departs 10:44 a. m.
No. 10 departs 5:00 p. m.

Southbound
No. 9 departs 9:07 a. m.
No. 5 departs 1:48 p. m.

Bryan County Officials.

Jesse M. Hatchett, district judge.
Geo. Harrison, county treasurer.
Henry McCreary, county clerk.
W. H. Yeats, tax assessor.
L. Varner Stinson, county surveyor.
C. L. Neely, county superintendent.
R. A. Bishop, county weigher.
W. A. Durant, G. A. Ramsey, representatives.

Ed. L. Spears, Durant, commissioner, district one.
Ben Hulteman, Albany, commissioner, Third District.

Gray Nickels, Matoy, Chairman.
J. L. Rappolee, county judge.
Walter J. Turnbull, county attorney.

W. A. Jones, Court clerk.
John A. Phillips, sheriff.